

ARKANSAS BROILER HATCHERY



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ARKANSAS CHICK PLACEMENTS UP 14 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

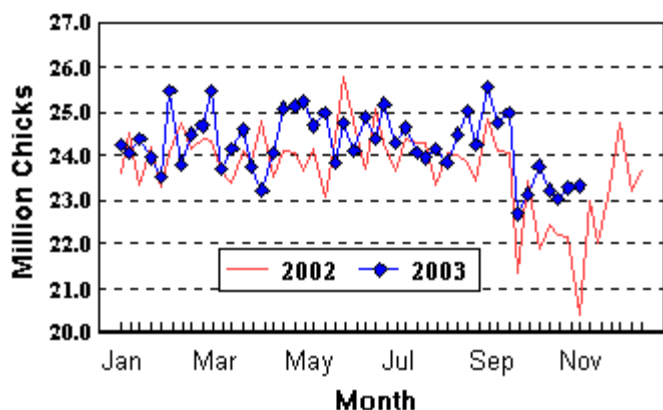
Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Arkansas was 23.3 million during the week ending November 15, 2003. Placements were up 14 percent from the comparable week in 2002, and up slightly from the previous week, and included 2.7 million chicks shipped in from other states. Cumulative placements from December 29, 2002 through November 15, 2003 were 1.12 billion, up 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.

The broiler-type chicks hatched for the week was 24.0 million, up 11 percent from the corresponding week a year earlier, but down 1 percent from the previous week. Of the total hatch, 2.9 million chicks were shipped out of the state. Average hatchability for chicks hatched was 83.3 percent.

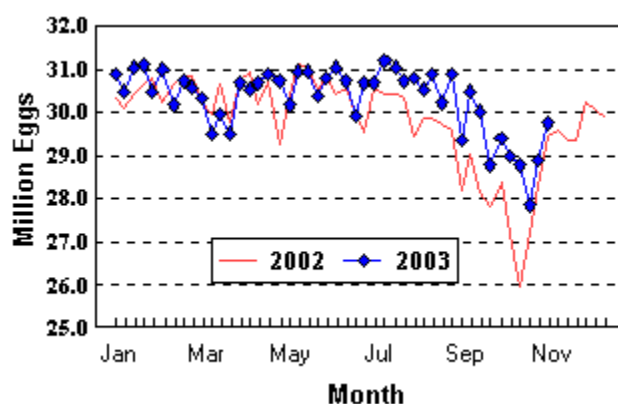
Arkansas hatcheries set 29.8 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending November 15, 2003, up 1 percent from the same period last year, and up 3 percent from the previous week.

Week Ending	NET PLACEMENTS			CHICKS HATCHED			EGGS SET		
	2002	2003	% Change	2002	2003	% Change	2002	2003	% Change
	<i>1,000</i>			<i>1,000</i>			<i>1,000</i>		
Oct. 11	23,404	23,157	99	24,017	25,229	105	28,385	29,386	104
Oct. 18	21,930	23,755	108	23,275	24,796	107	27,187	28,989	107
Oct. 25	22,466	23,230	103	23,102	23,882	103	25,951	28,783	111
Nov. 1	22,202	23,060	104	23,143	24,292	105	27,248	27,849	102
Nov. 8	22,150	23,263	105	22,589	24,131	107	28,284	28,876	102
Nov. 15	20,431	23,335	114	21,561	23,971	111	29,457	29,786	101

CHICKS PLACED IN ARKANSAS, 2002-2003



EGGS SET, 2002 - 2003



BROILER EGGS SET AND CHICKS PLACED IN 19 MAJOR STATES BY WEEKS, 2003

STATE	EGGS SET (in Thousands)					CHICKS PLACED (in Thousands)						
	Week Ending				1/ %	Week Ending						1/ %
	25-Oct	01-Nov	08-Nov	15-Nov		11-Oct	18-Oct	25-Oct	01-Nov	08-Nov	15-Nov	
Alabama	26,822	26,638	28,116	28,842	104	20,421	20,649	21,380	20,866	19,712	20,197	104
ARKANSAS	28,783 *	27,849	28,876	29,786	101	23,157	23,755	23,230	23,060	23,263	23,335	114
Delaware	3,233	3,690	3,906	3,544	104	4,553	4,189	4,359	4,616	4,836	4,306	101
Florida	1,353	1,353	1,351	1,353	58	1,505	1,876	1,601	1,518	1,525	1,664	73
Georgia	28,397 *	30,277	31,514	32,466	106	24,338	24,134	24,438	25,322	23,856 *	22,830	106
Kentucky	6,025	6,200 *	6,514 *	6,739	100	5,384	5,488	5,458	5,957 *	4,810 *	5,314	106
Maryland	7,915 *	8,840	8,891	8,417	91	5,232	6,308	5,727	5,418	4,490	5,270	88
Mississippi	17,469 *	16,229	17,295	18,276	103	14,673	14,526	14,925	14,983	14,254	15,291	112
N. Carolina	17,655 *	17,681	17,348	18,135	104	12,575	13,790	13,225	13,155	13,270	14,134	101
Oklahoma	6,505	6,090	5,890	6,400	100	5,769	4,197	3,966	3,924	5,143	4,374	112
Pennsylvania	3,484	3,409 *	3,588	3,638	116	2,555	2,542	2,634	2,505 *	2,364	2,461	103
S. Carolina	4,206	4,097	4,104	3,749	80	4,188	3,685	4,040	4,196	3,262	3,604	103
Texas	12,974	14,380	14,788	14,512	98	10,812	11,958	11,762	11,863	10,646	10,738	107
Virginia	6,670	6,205	6,116	6,591	108	4,696	5,069	4,415	5,130	5,168	5,629	131
CA, LA, MO, TN, WV	18,644	19,880	20,140 *	21,022	110	17,680	18,111	17,733	17,728	17,218 *	17,154	99
Total 2003	190,135 *	192,818 *	198,437 *	203,470		157,538	160,277	158,893	160,241 *	153,817 *	156,301	
Total 2002	181,106	189,835	197,676	199,041		154,082	155,782	157,001	155,287	151,790	147,970	
%Prev. Year	105	102	100	102		102	103	101	103	101	106	
Approximate Marketing Date 2003.....						29-Nov	06-Dec	13-Dec	20-Dec	27-Dec	03-Jan	

* Revised. 1/ Current week as percent of the same week last year.

EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES UP 2 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-state weekly program set 203 million eggs during the week ending November 15, 2003. This was up 2 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

BROILER CHICKS PLACED UP 6 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 19-state weekly program placed 156 million chicks for meat production during the week ending November 15, 2003. Placements were up 6 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 29, 2002 through November 15, 2003 were 7.66 billion, down slightly from the same period a year earlier.